

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MARTINSBURG**

**BERNARD BATTLE,**

Plaintiff,

**v.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO: 3:13-CV-58  
(JUDGE GROH)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,**

Defendants.

**ORDER ADOPTING OPINION/REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On this day, the above-styled matter came before the Court for consideration of the Report and Recommendation of United States Magistrate Judge John S. Kaull. Pursuant to this Court's Local Rules, this action was referred to Magistrate Judge Kaull for submission of a proposed report and a recommendation ("R&R"). Magistrate Judge Kaull filed his R&R on May 21, 2014 [Doc. 62]. In that filing, he recommends that this Court grant the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or for Summary Judgment [Doc. 32].

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(c), this Court is required to make a *de novo* review of those portions of the magistrate judge's findings to which objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the findings or recommendation to which no objections are addressed. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 150 (1985). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review and the petitioner's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989); United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir.


1984). Objections to Magistrate Judge Kaull's R&R were due within fourteen days of being served with a copy of the same. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The docket reflects that service was accepted on May 27, 2014 [Doc. 64]. Neither party has filed objections to the R&R. Accordingly, this Court will review the R&R for clear error.

Upon careful review of the report and recommendation, it is the opinion of this Court that the magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation should be, and is, hereby **ORDERED ADOPTED** for the reasons more fully stated in the magistrate judge's report. Accordingly, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or for Summary Judgment. Accordingly, this matter is **ORDERED STRICKEN** from the active docket of this Court. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to enter judgment for the Respondent.

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Order to all counsel of record and *pro se* parties.

**DATED:** June 19, 2014.

  
GINA M. GROH  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE